

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Re: INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Dear Committee,

Please find following my comments regarding the inquiry into greyhound racing in New South Wales.

Point J – Sale and breeding of greyhounds including the market conditions and welfare of animals

As a registered NSW owner of greyhounds, I have been in contact with greyhound trainers where below the observations have been made

- All greyhounds that I have seen have had regular checks and been treated by vets as needed. These vet visits have also been as a precaution to ensure greyhounds are healthy
- All greyhounds are fed vitamins and supplements to ensure good health
- All greyhounds are treated with love and affection.
- All greyhounds are regularly exercised
- All greyhounds have performed well leading to overall good condition of the greyhound. It would be clear to say that if these greyhounds welfare was poor, this would affect their performance

I respect this inquiry's purpose however in my opinion New South Wales Greyhound Racing has received negative comments and suggested cruelty to greyhounds. Also, in my opinion greyhounds have been targeted and this leads me to believe how as a greyhound owner I am tarred with the same brush as people who have been suspended due to neglect to the greyhound. I pride myself in loving these animals as anyone else would be attached to their own animals.

Overall as an owner I enjoy seeing the passion people have for this sport. I would also like to make comment in regards to all animals, fair to say this is not related to this inquiry however many animals are involved in sports within NSW and these other sports are accepted within our communities. I currently have a greyhound laying here with me as I write this submission, whom has not been euthanized nor been treated cruel. She is part of our family and yes, she raced and is now retired as a pet.